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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IMPLICATION OF FINANCE MINISTER RABINOWITZ

1. MK YORAN ARIDOR, THE HEAD OF THE LIKUD FACTION OF THE HISTADRUT, CLAIMED ON JANUARY 13 THAT THE POLICE ARE NOW INVESTIGATING CHARGES THAT FUNDS FROM THE SHIKUM OVDIM, THE HISTADRUT'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY CHanneled TO THE LABOR PARTY. THE POLICE HAVE DECLINED TO COMMENT. THIS INVESTIGATION, WHICH ACCORDING TO ARIDOR HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE HISTADRUT CONTROLLER, APPARENTLY STEMS FROM THE EARLIER INQUIRY INTO THE HANDLING OF SHIKUM OVDIM FINANCES BY THE LATE AVRAHAM OFER AND IS ALSO TIED IN WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF ASHER YADLIN. THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT COULD INVOLVE MINISTER OF FINANCE YEHOShUA RABINOWITZ, SINCE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LABOR PARTY'S FINANCES TEL AVIV AT THE TIME WHEN THE FUNDS WERE ALLEGEDLY TRANSFERRED TO THE TEL AVIV BRANCH OF THE PARTY.

2. COMMENT: IF THE CHARGES STICK AND RABINOWITZ IS IMPLICATED, IT WOULD BE A VERY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT FOR
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THE LABOR PARTY. RABINOWITZ IS ONE OF THE "BIG FOUR" CABINET MINISTERS AND A MEMBER OF LABOR'S INNER CIRCLE. RECENT REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER RABIN AS WELL AS DEFENSE MINISTER PERES HAVE BEEN CONFERRING (SEPARATELY) WITH JACOB LEVINSON, THE FORMER SUCCESSFUL HEAD OF BANK HAPoALIM, HAVE FUELED SPECULATION THAT RABINOWITZ WOULD BE REPLACED IN A FUTURE LABOR GOVERNMENT, EVEN IF

IT WERE TO BE HEADED BY RABIN. WE HAVE HEARD THAT IF
RABINOWITZ EMERGES CLEAN FROM THE INVESTIGATION, HE WILL
BE OFFERED THE POST OF PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL.

3. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM ONE OF THE PHYSICIANS
ATTENDING YADLIN, WHO HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED SINCE JANUARY 3--
THE DAY OFER COMMITTED SUICIDE--THAT HE HAS A SERIOUS HEART
CONDITION. DOCTORS ARE RECOMMENDING SURGERY BUT YADLIN
PREFERS TO STAND TRIAL BEFORE UNDERGOING AN OPERATION.
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